

United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit
Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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General Information
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NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY **FOR COMMENT**

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is considering whether, in order to aid the Court's review of claims for compensation under the Criminal Justice Act, appointed counsel should be required to provide a greater degree of specificity in support of their claims. Accordingly, the Court is inviting comment on the following proposed amendment to the Court's *Plan to Implement the Criminal Justice Act of 1964*:

Paragraph V(g) of the Plan adopted July 1, 1991, as amended, shall now read (new language shaded):

g) All claims for compensation and reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred shall be submitted on the appropriate CJA form, to the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Counsel shall identify with specificity the activities for which compensation is claimed. Time claimed for legal research shall be identified by reference to each issue, whether included or not in the briefs; time claimed for drafting and editing shall be identified by reference to each pleading or section of the brief prepared. Failure to provide sufficient detail to permit meaningful review of a claim may result in delay or denial of approval of the claim.

The Clerk shall review the claim form for mathematical and technical accuracy and for conformity with the Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act (Volume VII, Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures). If the form is correct, the Clerk shall forward it to the appropriate judge for consideration. All such claims should be submitted promptly and in any event not more than 45 days after the conclusion of the attorney's representation.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposal. Comments must be received on or before September 15, 1997, and should be submitted to:

Mark Langer, Clerk
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E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001

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